

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12-15, and 17-36 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 30-36 are newly added. Claims 4, 10, and 11 are canceled herein, and claim 16 was previously canceled. Claims 1-2, 5, 7-9, 12, 15, 17-22, 24, 25, and 27-29 are amended herein. Applicant acknowledges receipt of the above-identified Office Action, and respectfully traverses the Office Action in its entirety.

Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner and her Supervisor for conducting the in-person interview with Applicant and Applicant's undersigned representative. Although no agreement was reached with respect to the prior art, Applicant appreciates the opportunity to present his invention to the Examiner and to discuss the prior art. Applicant has amended the pending claims in an effort to more accurately reflect the subject invention.

Response to Arguments

Applicant respectfully traverses the previous Office Action in its entirety. However, in an effort to expedite examination of the instant claims, Applicant has amended most of the previously examined claims, including all of the independent claims. Applicant's amendments having rendered the Examiner's arguments moot, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the previous rejections.